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The reply filed on May 8, 2001 (Paper Number 8), is not fully responsive to the prior Office action dated April 18, 2001 (paper Number 6) because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant did not elect a single composition of culture medium from among numerous different ingredients enumerating species of inorganic salts from among those recited in claim 1-5, as required in item number 6 on pages 3 of the restriction requirement of April 18, 2001. See 37 CFR 1.111. Note specifically that claim 1(d) recites a plurality of metals from which applicant was required to select one alkali metal (e.g. potassium), an alkaline earth metal (e.g. calcium) and one transition metal (e.g. iron). In addition, applicant was to elect one of the inorganic compounds from those in Claims 3-5 for prosecution on the merits until a generic claim is held allowable. See item number 6 on page 3 of the restriction requirement of April 18, 2001. As stated on page 3 of the office action of April 18, 2001, applicant was required to elect a single disclosed species of composition enumerating all ingredients therein from those recited in claim 1(d) and Claims 3-5.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kailash C. Srivastava whose telephone number is (703) 605-1196.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Michael G. Wityshyn, can be reached on (703) 308-4743.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Communications applicant wishes to submit by FAX should be submitted to FAX # (703) 305-4242 or (703) 305-3014.

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